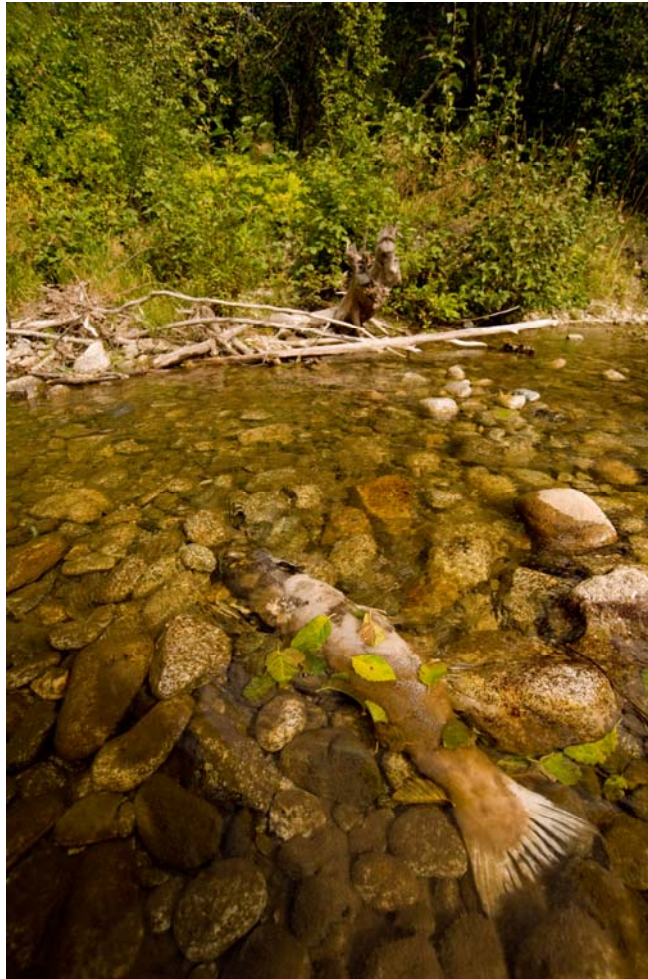


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## INTRODUCTION

From 1962 to 1994, spring Chinook salmon, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, spawning was monitored by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in a seven-mile section of the Entiat River known as the “index area” (river mile (rm) 28.1 to 21.3). From 1957 to 1991, Chelan County Public Utility District monitored summer Chinook salmon spawning in the lower ten miles (rm 10.4 to 0) of the Entiat River. In 1994, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Mid-Columbia River Fishery Resource Office (MCRFRO), began monitoring spring and summer Chinook salmon spawning more intensely on the Entiat River. Efforts in 2009 mark the 16<sup>th</sup> year that MCRFRO has conducted the expanded spawning surveys.

The objectives of the spawning surveys are to:

1. Continue to assess the distribution of spring and summer Chinook salmon spawning throughout the index and expanded areas of the Entiat & Mad rivers and provide estimates of the respective spawning populations.
2. Evaluate possible straying of hatchery spring and summer Chinook salmon.
3. Search for and note presence and/or redds of other species, which may include sockeye salmon, *O. nerka*, coho salmon, *O. kisutch*, bull trout, *Salvelinus confluentus* and Pacific lamprey, *Entosphenus tridentatus* and identify their spawning distribution in the survey sections.

## STUDY AREA

The Entiat River Basin is located in Chelan County, north-central Washington State. The river heads in a glaciated basin near the crest of the Cascade Mountains and flows southeasterly. Base flow is 385 cubic feet per second (Mullan et al. 1992) and major tributaries are the North Fork (rm 34) and Mad River (rm 10.5). The upstream limit of anadromy is Entiat Falls (rm 33.8).

The Entiat system drains an area of about 416.5 square miles. The watershed is nearly 42 miles in length and varies in width from 5 to 14 miles. The basin's highest elevation is the 9,249 foot summit of Mt. Fernow and its lowest is about 700 feet at the confluence with the Columbia River (USDA 1979). The Entiat River enters the Columbia River at approximately river mile 484 and eight main stem hydroelectric dams above the Pacific Ocean.

Spring Chinook salmon spawning ground surveys were conducted between Fox Creek Campground (C.G.) and McKenzie Diversion Dam (rm 28.1 to 16.2), and Mad River (rm 3.5 to 1.5) (Figure 1). Summer Chinook salmon surveys focused on Reaches 1 through 5 (rm 28.1 to 16.2) and from Entiat NFH to the Columbia River influence (rm 6.8 to 0.3) (Figure 1).

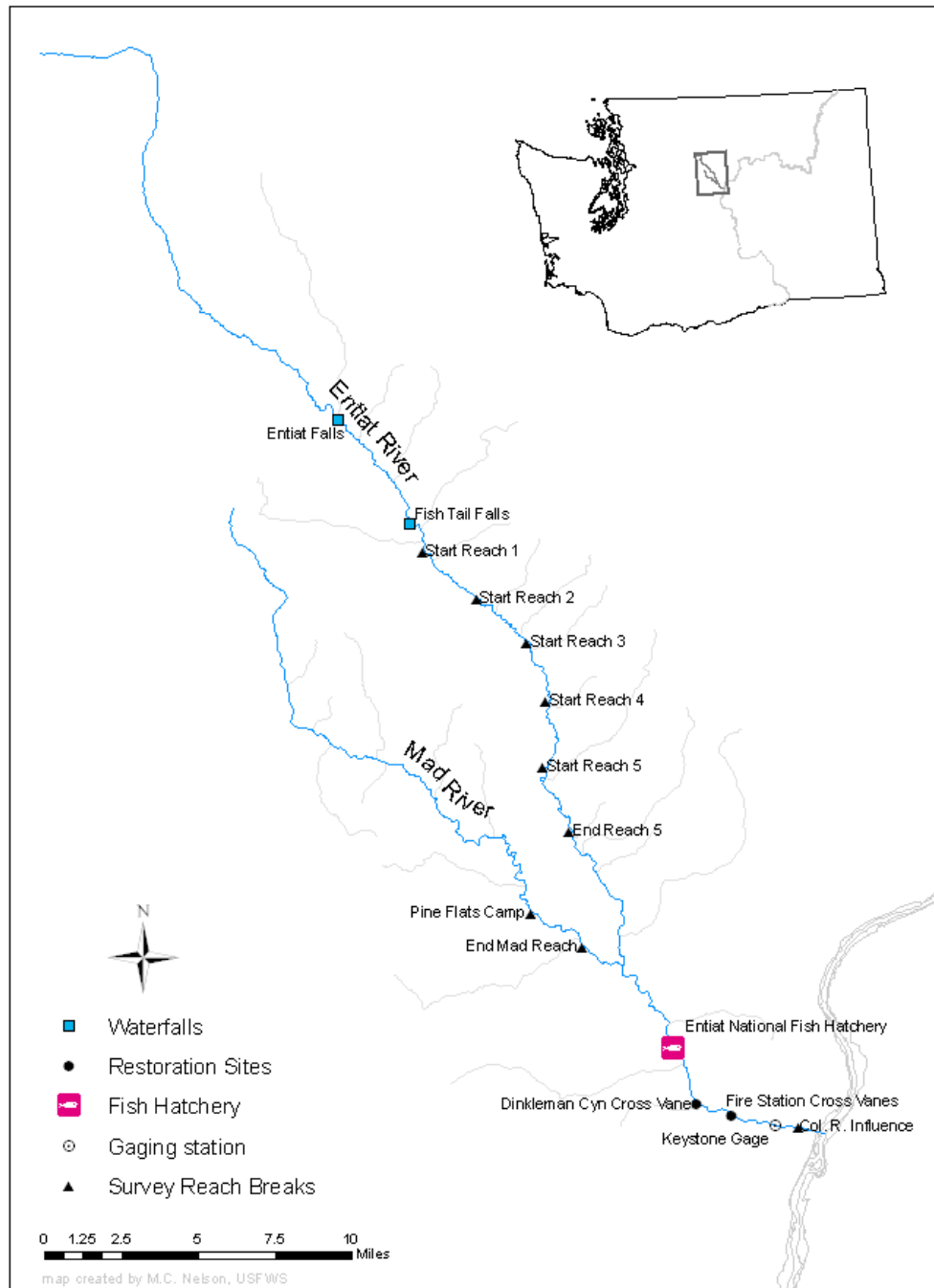


Figure 1. Overview of the Entiat River spawning ground survey areas.



## **SALMON AND BULL TROUT POPULATIONS**

The Entiat River has historically supported excellent salmon runs consisting of Chinook (probably spring Chinook salmon) and coho salmon (Craig and Suomela 1941). Construction of dams around the turn of the century near the mouth of the Entiat River blocked salmon from their spawning grounds, and salmon runs were essentially nonexistent by 1939 when Grand Coulee Dam was built (Craig and Suomela 1941). From 1939 to 1943, as part of the Grand Coulee Fish Maintenance Project mitigation effort, all ascending adult salmon, mainly summer and fall Chinook salmon, were trapped at Rock Island Dam and relocated to upstream tributary streams below Grand Coulee Dam, including the Entiat River, and to hatcheries, including Leavenworth, Entiat, and Winthrop National Fish Hatcheries (NFH) (Fish and Hanavan 1948). The goal of these efforts was to rebuild salmon runs in the tributary streams and mitigate for lost production above Grand Coulee Dam.

### **Spring Chinook Salmon**

In the initial years after Grand Coulee Dam was built, little effort was made to re-establish wild spring Chinook salmon runs in the Entiat River. From 1942 to 1944, Entiat NFH released a total of 1.3 million sub-yearlings and fewer than 50,000 yearling spring Chinook salmon that were offspring of the upriver stocks collected at Rock Island Dam (Mullan 1987). No spring Chinook salmon were released from Entiat NFH from 1945 to 1975. As early as 1956 and 1957, a wild spring Chinook salmon run was observed spawning in the area above Stormy Creek (rm 18.4) (French and Wahle 1960). Since 1962, spring Chinook salmon redds have been counted in an *index* area between river miles 28.1 and 21.3 where an established spring Chinook salmon run had been documented. Entiat NFH resumed spring Chinook salmon production in 1974. Egg sources have included Cowlitz River (1974), Carson NFH (1975 to 1982), Little White Salmon NFH (1976, 1978, 1979, 1981), Leavenworth NFH (1979-1981, 1994), and Winthrop NFH (1988). Adults that voluntarily returned to the hatchery were the primary brood stock in 1980 and from 1983 to 2006, after which the program was terminated.

### **Summer Chinook Salmon**

Although summer Chinook salmon are not believed to be endemic to the Entiat River (Craig and Suomela 1941), several efforts were made to establish summer Chinook salmon in the Entiat River following completion of Grand Coulee Dam. In 1939 and 1940, a total of 3,015 adult summer Chinook salmon, collected at Rock Island Dam from the commingled upriver stocks, were placed in upper Entiat River spawning areas. Only an estimated 1,308 of these survived to spawn (Fish and Hanavan 1948). Entiat NFH reared and released juvenile summer Chinook salmon into the Entiat River from 1941-1964 and in 1976 (Mullan 1987). Egg sources included the commingled upriver stocks intercepted at Rock Island Dam (1939-1943), Methow River (1944), Carson NFH (1944), Entiat River (1946-1964), Spring Creek NFH (1964), and Wells Dam (1974). Summer Chinook salmon spawning was monitored by aerial surveys in the lower 10.4 river miles from 1957 to 1991. Positive redd identification from the air is difficult at best, therefore aerial surveys likely underestimated actual redd numbers. Spawning numbers were never high, with a maximum of 55 redds in 1967. For years 1972-1991, aerial redd counts averaged about five per year.

### **Bull Trout, Sockeye Salmon and Coho Salmon**

Bull trout presence/absence surveys were conducted in 1984 and 1987, with limited data obtained (WDFW 1997). In 1989, the United States Forest Service (USFS) contracted with WDFW to determine bull trout distribution and abundance within the Wenatchee National Forest, including the Entiat River main-stem and Mad River (Brown, 1993). Incidental sightings of bull trout (1993 to 2005) have also been recorded by USFS personnel (Archibald P., and E. Johnson, 2008) from Entiat Falls to the gauging station pool (rm 33.8 to 33.5). Beginning in 2004, MCRFRO initiated bull trout redd surveys from the gauging station pool to Fox Creek Camp Ground (rm 33.5 to 28.0). Since 1994, MCRFRO has searched for bull trout and/or redds during the spring and summer Chinook salmon spawning ground surveys.

Sockeye salmon are not indigenous to the Entiat River (Craig and Suomela 1941), and have only been stocked on two occasions (1943 and 1944), from Lake Quinault and Lake Whatcom stocks (Mullan 1986). A small run of sockeye salmon became established in the Entiat River and Entiat NFH collected sockeye salmon from 1944 to 1963, and their progeny were planted elsewhere (Mullan 1986).

Coho salmon runs had been largely destroyed in the mid Columbia River prior to 1941 (Mullan 1983). Propagation of coho salmon at the Mid-Columbia Federal hatcheries began in the 1940s and extended into the early 1970s. Chelan and Douglas County Public Utility Districts, in cooperation with WDFW, started propagation of coho salmon in the 1970's and continued until 1994. In 1996, the Yakama Nation initiated the Mid-Columbia Coho Restoration Program, which reintroduced coho into the Wenatchee and Methow sub-basins. Although no releases have occurred in the Entiat River, coho salmon have been observed since 2001.

## **METHODS**

### **Spring and Summer Chinook Salmon Redd Surveys**

Methods for surveying Chinook salmon redds consisted of dividing the survey area into several reaches. Each reach was surveyed multiple times by walking or rafting downstream, enumerating and marking only well established redds, recording numbers of live fish and sampling any recovered carcasses. Carcasses were measured by fork length and post orbital to hypural plate (POH) length, gender identified, females were dissected to visually determine spawning success and scale samples were collected when possible. Scales were viewed using a microfiche reader and age and origin (wild or hatchery) determined. Snouts were removed from carcasses with detected coded-wire tags (CWT) for later retrieval and de-coding of CWT. Tissue samples were taken for future DNA analysis and the tail was removed to prevent re-counting. All redd locations were marked with colored flagging on nearby vegetation and GPS points were recorded.

### **Bull Trout, Sockeye and Coho Salmon**

During the Chinook salmon spawning ground surveys, observed bull trout, sockeye and coho salmon /or redds were recorded and marked when identified.

### **Estimating River Escapement by Fish/Redd Ratio**

Estimating escapement for spring Chinook salmon returning to the Entiat River was calculated by expanding redd counts using the expansion value of 2.4 fish per redd. Mullan,(1990), used a

spawner/redd ratio of 2.4 to account for pre-spawning mortality. To estimate return escapement for summer Chinook, the expansion value of 2.4 fish/redd is also applied.

### **Age Designation**

Age designation in this report follows the Gilbert and Rich (1927) system, where total age is referenced by the first digit and age at the time of migration from freshwater is indicated by the subscript.

### **Estimating Coded-Wire Tag Expansions for Spring and Summer Chinook**

Using the number of examined recovered carcasses (78) divided by the estimated number of returning spring Chinook salmon (276; see Spring Chinook Salmon Escapement section below), yields a sample rate of 28.3%. To calculate the expanded coded-wire tag recoveries for each tag code recovered, divide the number of coded-wire tags recovered by the sample rate (28.3) and divide that figure by the release group coded-wire tag percent.

Using the number of examined recovered carcasses (83) divided by the estimated number of returning summer Chinook salmon (250); see Summer Chinook Salmon Escapement section from page 10), yields a sample rate of 33.2%. To calculate the expanded coded-wire tag recoveries for each tag code recovered, divide the number of coded-wire tags recovered by the sample rate (33.2%) and divide that figure by the release group coded-wire tag percent.

### **Female Carcass Egg Voidance Determination**

Egg voidance from female carcasses was determined by visual estimation; complete (>90% voided), partial (89%-11% voided), pre-spawn mortality (<10% voided) and unknown (carcasses compromised).

## **RESULTS**

### **Spring Chinook Salmon Redd Counts**

A total of **115** spring Chinook salmon redds were identified during the 2009 spawning ground surveys (Table 1). The number of redds per reach in 2009 and the ten year running totals are found in Figure 2. Seventy-six redds were counted in the old *index* area, and an additional 39 redds were found in the expanded survey area of which five redds were counted in the Mad River and two above Fox Creek Campground. Annual redd counts from the old *index* area are found in Appendix 1.

### **Spring Chinook Salmon Escapement**

The total spring Chinook salmon redd count was 115 and using the 2.4 fish per redd ratio, an estimated **276** spring Chinook salmon returned to spawn in the Entiat River.

### **Spring Chinook Salmon Sex Ratio and Spawning Success**

Seventy-eight spring Chinook salmon carcasses were recovered during the spawning ground surveys, 45 (58%) were females, 33 (42%) were males. All 45 female carcasses were examined for spawning success, 41 were fully voided, one was partial and three could not be determined because of carcass decomposition. Seventy-five DNA samples were also collected from the 78 recovered carcasses.

Table 1. Spring Chinook salmon spawning ground surveys on the Entiat and Mad Rivers in 2009.

Section	River Mile	Date	Redds	Live Fish	Carcasses
<b>Old Index Area</b>					
Reach 1	28.1-25.8	8/25/09	6	15	0
		8/31/09	6	11	0
		9/08/09	3	2	5
		9/14/09	0	0	8
		9/21/09	0	0	1
		10/06/09	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<b>a</b> <u>1</u>
Cumulative Total Count			15	28	15
Reach 2	25.8-23.4	8/26/09	11	11	0
		9/01/09	7	8	5
		9/09/09	10	3	9
		9/15/09	1	1	8
		9/22/09	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Cumulative Total Count			32	24	24
Reach 3	23.4-21.3	8/28/09	13	9	0
		9/02/09	10	11	3
		9/09/09	6	9	2
		9/16/09	0	0	1
		9/23/09	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Cumulative Total Count			29	29	7
<b>Old Index Total</b>			76	81	46
Expanded Area					
Reach 4	21.3-18.7	8/27/09	7	6	0
		9/03/09	8	4	8
		9/11/09	3	1	6
		9/17/09	0	0	2
		9/24/09	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cumulative Total Count			18	11	16
Reach 5	18.7-16.2	8/27/09	3	3	0
		9/03/09	6	9	3
		9/11/09	4	5	7
		9/17/09	1	1	4
		9/25/09	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cumulative Total Count			14	18	14
Below Tommy Bridge	29.9	9/29/09	<b>b</b> 1	0	0
Below Box Canyon Lookout	29.1	10/01/09	<b>c</b> 1	0	0
Mad R./Pine Flats C.G. to Road Sign	3.5-1.5	9/04/09	4	0	1
		9/10/09	0	0	0
		9/18/09	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Cumulative Total Count			5	0	2
<b>Expanded Total</b>			39	29	32
<b>Index Total</b>			76	81	46
<b>Total</b>			115	110	78

a) Carcass recovered during SUS SGS on 10/06. b) Redd observed during bull trout SGS on 9/29. c) Redd observed during bull trout SGS on 10/1

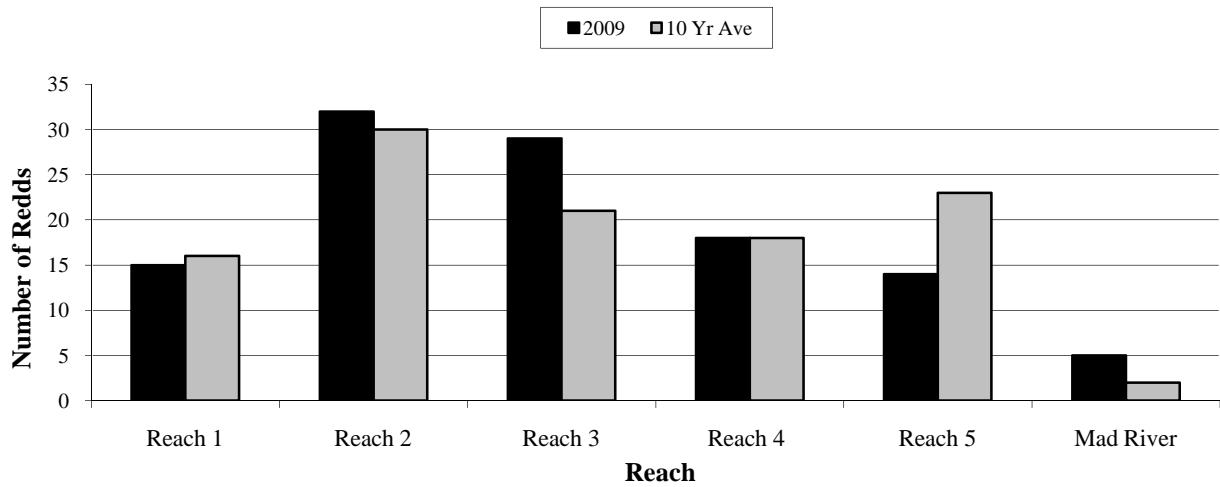


Figure 2. Entiat River spring Chinook salmon redd counts for Reaches 1-5 and Mad River for year 2009 and 10 year average.

### Spring Chinook Salmon Age Composition and Origin

Of the 78 spring Chinook salmon carcasses recovered, age and origin were successfully determined for 61 (Table 2). Hatchery fish comprised 51% of the recovered carcasses and wild fish 49%. The percent composition of hatchery vs. wild in the Entiat River for years 2001–2009 is found in Figure 3.

Table 2. Age composition and origin for spring Chinook salmon sampled from the Entiat River in 2009.

Origin	Male		Female		Total (N)	%
	Age	(N)		(N)		
Hatchery	3/2	5		1	6	10
	4/2	5		17	22	36
	5/2	2		1	3	5
		12		19	31	51
Wild	3/2	1		1	2	3
	4/2	10		12	22	36
	5/2	4		2	6	10
		15		15	30	49
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100</b>

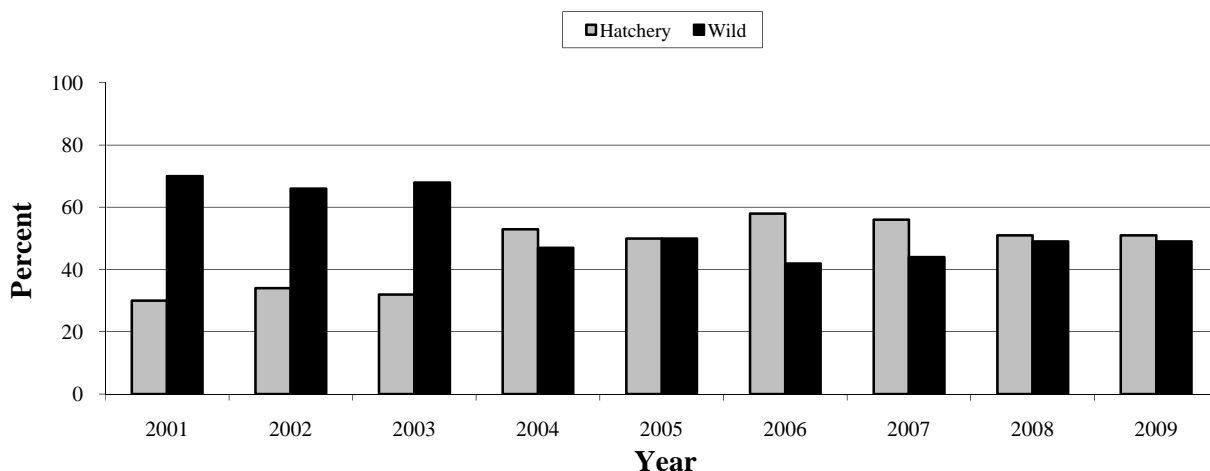


Figure 3. Estimated percent composition of hatchery vs. wild spring Chinook salmon escapement into the Entiat River, 2001-2009.

### Coded-Wire Tag Recoveries from Spring Chinook Salmon Carcasses

All 78 recovered carcasses from the Entiat River were checked for missing adipose fins and scanned with a portable handheld wand detector for coded-wire tags. Thirty-five (45%) were identified as having a missing adipose fin, of which 13 had a coded-wire tag (Table 3). Note: Two decomposed carcasses could not be identified as having an adipose fin present or missing. Decoded coded-wire tag compositions are as follow: Entiat NFH (8), Chiwawa Rearing Ponds (4) and Leavenworth NFH (1).

Table 3. Coded-wire tag recoveries collected from spring Chinook salmon carcasses on the Entiat River in 2009.

Tag Code	Brood Year	Release Agency	Hatchery	Recovered	Sample Rate %	CWT %	Expanded Recoveries
051575	05	USFWS	Leav. NFH	1	28.3	54	7
051593	04	USFWS	Entiat NFH	1	28.3	56	6
051595	04	USFWS	Entiat NFH	1	28.3	37	10
053170	05	USFWS	Entiat NFH	2	28.3	38	19
053171	05	USFWS	Entiat NFH	2	28.3	47	15
053173	05	USFWS	Entiat NFH	1	28.3	47	8
054905	05	USFWS	Entiat NFH	1	28.3	48	7
633295	06	WDFW	Chiwawa R.P.	1	28.3	99	4
633864	06	WDFW	Chiwawa R.P.	3	28.3	99	11
<b>Total</b>				<b>13</b>			<b>87</b>

### Summer Chinook Salmon Redd Counts

A total of **104** redds were counted in reaches 1 through 5, Mad/Entiat River confluence and Entiat NFH to the Columbia River influence in 2009 (Table 4). The number of redds per reach in 2009 and the nine year running totals are found in Figure 4.

### Summer Chinook Salmon Escapement

The total summer Chinook salmon redd count was 104, and using the 2.4 fish per redd ratio, an estimated **250** summer Chinook salmon returned to spawn in the Entiat River. This estimate should be considered a minimum since not all portions of the Entiat River were surveyed.

Table 4. Summer Chinook spawning ground surveys on the Entiat and Mad River in 2009.

Section	River Mile	Date	Redds	Live Fish	Carcasses
Reach 1	28.1-25.8	10/06/09	1	0	0
		10/16/09	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cumulative Total Count			1	0	0
Reach 2	25.8-23.4	10/05/09	3	2	0
		10/15/09	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Cumulative Total Count			9	6	0
Reach 3	23.4-21.3	10/05/09	4	0	0
		10/13/09	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cumulative Total Count			5	0	0
Reach 4	21.3-18.7	10/01/09	3	14	0
		10/14/09	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cumulative Total Count			7	14	0
Reach 5	18.7—16.2	09/24/09	1	3	1
		10/02/09	9	4	0
		10/14/09	20	14	7
		<b>a</b> 10/16/09	0	0	1
		10/22/09	9	39	10
		10/28/09	3	18	10
		11/05/09	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
Cumulative Total Count			44	81	34
<b>Upper River Total</b>			<b>66</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>34</b>
Entiat R.at Mad R. Confluence	10.1	10/22/09	1	0	0
Entiat NFH to Fire Station	6.8-3.1	10/19/09	6	12	1
		11/02/09	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Cumulative Total Count			12	18	7
Fire Station to Columbia River Influence	3.1-0.3	<b>b</b> 09/26/09	0	0	1
		<b>b</b> 10/16/09	0	0	2
		10/20/09	14	13	5
		11/03/09	10	5	25
		11/12/09	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
Cumulative Total Count			25	18	42
<b>Lower River Total</b>			<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Upper River Total</b>			<b>66</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>104</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>83</b>

**a)** Summer Chinook carcass recovered during redd imposition survey on 10/16/09. **b)** Entiat field station crew collected and bio-sampled summer Chinook carcasses recovered at the rotary screw trap located between USGS Gauging Station near Keystone Bridge and Columbia River influence.

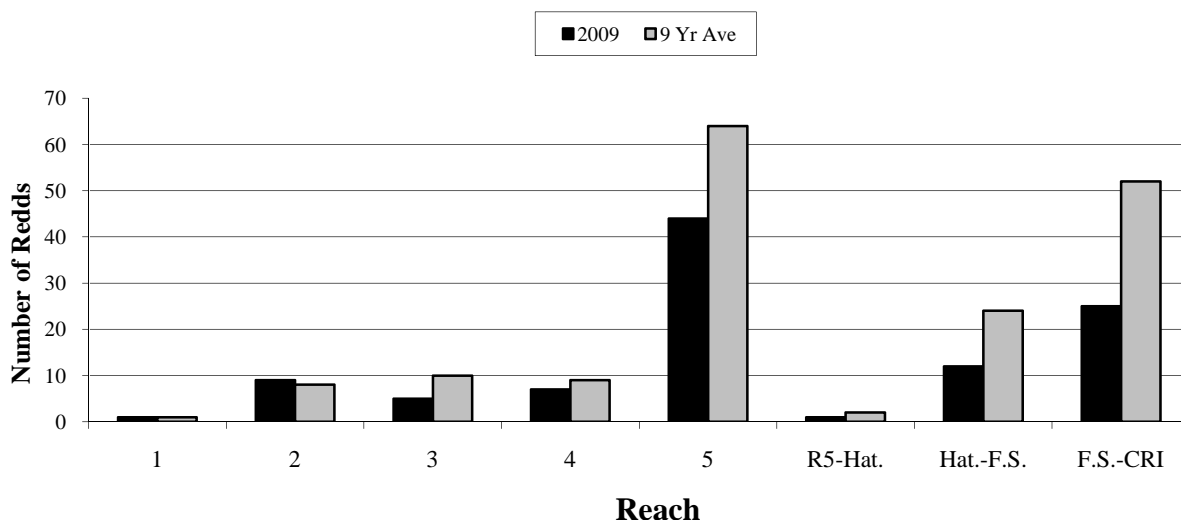


Figure 4. Entiat River summer Chinook salmon redd counts for Reaches 1-5, Reach 5 to Entiat NFH, Entiat NFH to Fire Station and Fire Station to Columbia River influence for year 2009 and 9 year average. Note: Reach 1 was not surveyed in 2001 and 2005, survey areas between Reach 5 to the hatchery were not surveyed in 2001 and Entiat NFH to Dinkleman Cyn. Rd. (rm. 6.8-4.1) was not surveyed from 2001-2005.

### Summer Chinook Salmon Sex Ratio and Spawning Success

Eighty-three summer Chinook salmon carcasses were recovered in 2009, of which 48 (58%) were females and 34 (42%) males. All 48 female carcasses were examined for spawning success; 25 (52%) were fully voided, nine (19%) were partial voided, six (13%) were pre-spawn mortalities and eight (16%) were not sampled due to carcass decomposition. There was a notable difference in spawning success between hatchery and wild females; only 28% of the hatchery females were fully voided compared to 72% for the wild females.

### Summer Chinook Salmon Age Composition and Origin

Of the 83 summer Chinook salmon carcasses recovered, age and origin were successfully determined for 79. Summary of age composition for hatchery and wild fish are found in Table 5. Hatchery origin fish comprised 29% of the recovered carcasses compared to wild origin of 71%. The percent composition of hatchery vs. wild in the Entiat River for years 2001–2009 is found in Figure 5. Estimated percent composition of hatchery vs. wild summer Chinook salmon spawning in the upper reaches (above rm.16.2) compared to the lower reaches (mainly below hatchery) in 2009 and the nine year average are found in Figure 6.

### Coded-Wire Tag Recoveries from Summer Chinook Salmon Carcasses

Of the 83 recovered carcasses from the Entiat River, 82 were checked for missing adipose fins and scanned with a portable handheld wand detector for coded-wire tags. Twenty-three carcasses (28%) were identified as having a missing adipose fin, of these, 20 contained a CWT (Table 6).



Table 5. Age composition and origin for summer Chinook salmon sampled from Entiat River in 2009.

Origin	Age	(N)	%	Male		(N)	%	Female		Total (N)	Total %
				Reservoir Reared	River Yearling			Reservoir Reared	River Yearling		
Hatchery	3/2	1	1			0	0			1	1
	4/2	2	3			4	5			6	8
	5/2	2	2			11	14			13	16
	6/2	0	0			3	4			3	4
		5				18				23	29
Wild	3/1	1	1			0	0			1	1
	3/2	2	3	2		0	0			2	3
	4/1	3	4			16	20			19	24
	4/2	5	6	5		0	0			5	6
	5/1	13	17			12	15			25	32
	5/2	2	3	2		1	1	1		3	4
	6/1	1	1			0	0			1	1
	6/2	0	0			0	0			0	0
		27				29				56	71
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>				<b>47</b>				<b>79</b>	<b>100</b>

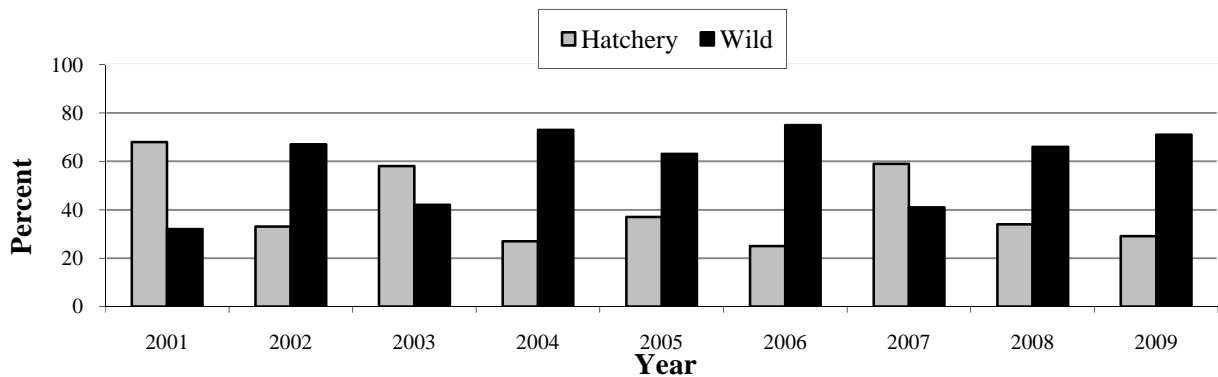


Figure 5. Estimated percent composition of hatchery vs. wild summer Chinook salmon escapement into the Entiat River, 2001-2009.



Figure 6. Estimated percent composition of hatchery vs. wild summer Chinook salmon spawning in the upper reaches (above RM. 16.2) compared to the lower reaches (mainly below hatchery) in 2009 and the nine year average.

Table 6. Coded-wire tag recoveries collected from summer Chinook salmon carcasses on the Entiat River in 2009.

Tag Code	Brood Year	Release Agency	Hatchery	Recovered	Sample Rate %	CWT %	Expanded Recoveries
632577	03	WDFW	Columbia River	2	33.2	93	6
632579	03	WDFW	Similkameen SFH	1	33.2	99	3
632799	04	WDFW	Columbia River	1	33.2	95	3
633094	04	WDFW	Columbia River	4	33.2	98	12
633165	04	WDFW	Wenatchee R.	1	33.2	98	3
633167	04	WDFW	Wenatchee R.	1	33.2	99	3
633168	04	WDFW	Similkameen SFH	3	33.2	96	9
633169	04	WDFW	Similkameen SFH	2	33.2	96	6
633592	05	WDFW	Dryden Pond	2	33.2	98	6
633881	06	WDFW	Turtle Rock SFH	1	33.2	100	3
Lost Tags				2			2
<b>Total</b>				<b>20</b>			<b>56</b>

### **Bull Trout, Sockeye and Coho Salmon**

Surveyors identified, counted and/or recovered 23 sockeye salmon redds, 87 live and 15 carcasses and 11 coho carcasses.

### **Coded-Wire Tag Recoveries from Sockeye and Coho Salmon Carcasses**

All coho and sockeye salmon carcasses were checked for missing adipose fins and scanned with a portable handheld wand detector for coded-wire tags. Four sockeye and ten coho salmon carcasses contained a coded-wire tag (Table 7).

Table 7. Coded-wire tag recoveries collected from sockeye and coho salmon carcasses on the Entiat River in 2009.

Species	Tag Code	Brood Year	Release Agency	Hatchery	Recovered
Sockeye	633067	05	WDFW	LK Wenatchee	1
Sockeye	633470	05	WDFW	LK Wenatchee	3
Coho	053478	06	YN	Winthrop NFH	4
Coho	053868	06	YN	Winthrop NFH	2
Coho	190122	06	YN	Leavenworth NFH	1
Coho	190126	06	YN	Winthrop NFH	1
Coho	190128	06	WDFW	Wells SFH	2

## **SUMMARY**

The total number of spring Chinook redds counted during the 2009 spawning ground surveys was 115, which included 76 redds in the old index area and 39 redds found in the expanded section. Using the 2.4 fish per redd ratio and the total redd count of 115, an estimated 276 spring Chinook salmon returned to spawn in the Entiat River. Seventy-eight carcasses were recovered and examined, of these, 58% were female and 42% male with female spawning success at 99.9%. Hatchery origin comprised 51% compared to wild origin of 49%. A total of 13 coded-wire tags were recovered; eight from Entiat NFH, four from Chiwawa Rearing Ponds and one from Leavenworth NFH.

The total number of summer Chinook redds counted during the 2009 spawning ground surveys was 104, which included 66 (63%) in Reaches 1-5 and 38 (37%) located below river mile 16.2.

Using the 2.4 fish per redd ratio and the total redd count of 104, an estimated 250 summer Chinook salmon returned to spawn in the Entiat River. Eighty-three carcasses were recovered and examined, of which 58% were females and 42% males. All female carcasses recovered were examined for spawning success; 25 (52%) were fully voided, nine (19%) were partial voided, six (13%) were pre-spawn mortalities and eight (16%) were not sampled due to carcass decomposition. There was a notable difference in spawning success between hatchery and wild females, only 28% of the hatchery females were fully voided compared to 72% of the wild females. Hatchery origin fish comprised 29% compared to wild origin of 71%. Scale analysis revealed wild summer Chinook had two distinctive freshwater life histories; 13% were reservoir reared yearling migrants and 87% were sub-yearling migrants. Twenty coded-wire tags were recovered from 82 carcasses; two from Dryden Acclimation Pond, one from Turtle Rock SFH, seven from Columbia River, two from Wenatchee River, six from Similkameen SFH and two were lost during dissection.

During the spring and summer Chinook spawning ground surveys, surveyors identified, counted and/or recovered 23 sockeye salmon redds, 87 live and 15 carcasses and 11 coho carcasses.

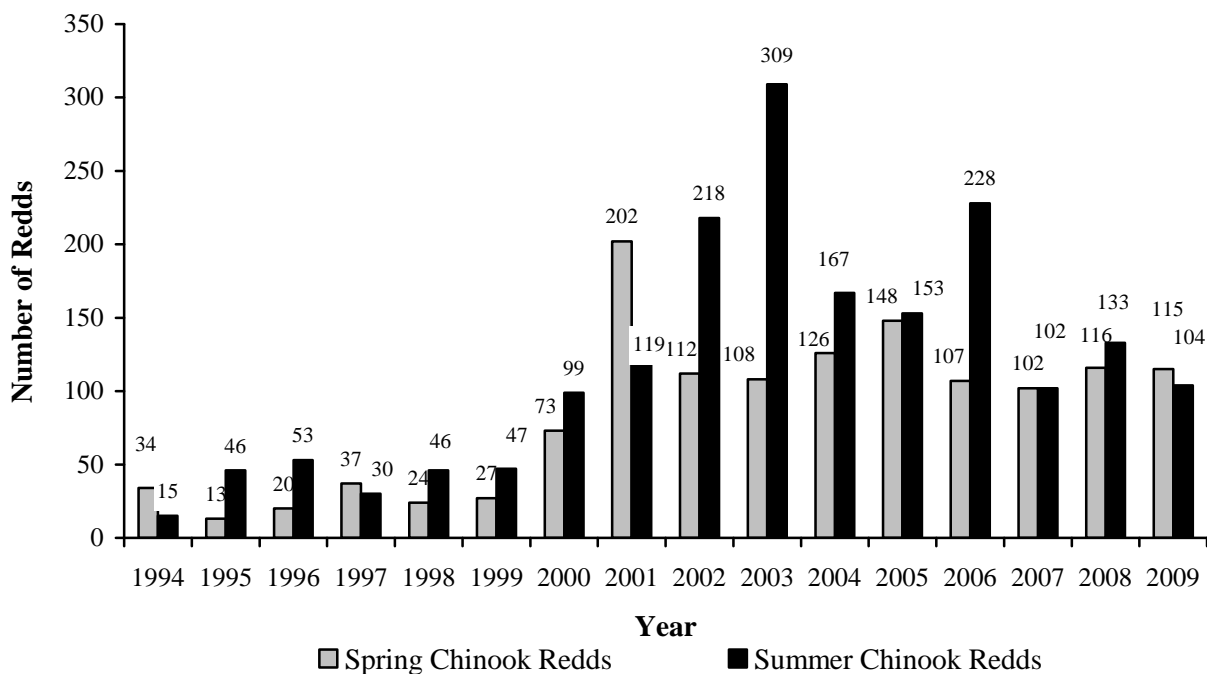


Figure 7. Spring and summer Chinook salmon redd counts for the Entiat River, 1994 to 2009.

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## APPENDIX 1

Entiat River spring Chinook salmon redd counts from annual surveys in old *index* area, Fox Creek C. G. to Dill Creek (RM 28 to 21), 1962-1993 (WDFW) and 1994-2009 (USFWS).

YEAR	#of REDDS	YEAR	#of REDDS	YEAR	#of REDDS	YEAR	#of REDDS
1962	115	1974	88	1986	105	1998	15
1963	145	1975	156	1987	64	1999	6
1964	384	1976	47	1988	67	2000	28
1965	104	1977	171	1989	37	2001	144
1966	307	1978	326	1990	83	2002	72
1967	252	1979	NA	1991	32	2003	70
1968	252	1980	107	1992	42	2004	65
1969	83	1981	95	1993	100	2005	81
1970	70	1982	107	1994	24	2006	65
1971	136	1983	107	1995	1	2007	70
1972	61	1984	84	1996	8	2008	77
1973	229	1985	115	1997	20	2009	76

N/A= not available

## APPENDIX 2

River mile index of the Entiat River from the mouth to Entiat Falls.

River Mile	Description
0.0	Mouth of <u>Entiat River</u> at river-mile 483.7 on Columbia River
0.3	Columbia River influence
1.5	Keystone Bridge
3.1	Entiat River Road Bridge (Fire Station Restoration Site)
4.1	Dinkleman Canyon Road Bridge (Dinkleman Canyon Road Restoration Site)
6.8	Entiat National Fish Hatchery
10.1	Mad River
15.2	Potato Creek
16.2	McKenzie Ditch and Diversion Dam (end of Reach 5)
18.4	Stormy Creek
21.2	Dill Creek
23.1	Preston Creek
23.4	Brief Bridge
23.9	Brennegan Creek
25.0	McCrea Creek
25.5	Burns Creek
27.7	Fox Creek
28.1	Fox Creek Campground (start of Reach 1)
28.6	Tommy Creek
28.9	Lake Creek Campground
33.8	Entiat Falls

mileage may not be exact

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